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## NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count Indictment<sup>1</sup> against Angel Cruz charging him with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment also includes a notice of forfeiture.

This Indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Police Department and other Police Departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF), to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. This case was investigated by ATF, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Angel Cruz	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	28 years old

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a 15 years mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a special assessment of \$100.

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jeffery W. Whitt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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